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2. to run with a clatter; to scamper noisily. [Scott.]

brat'tle, *n.* any clattering or rattling noise. [Scott.]

Brät'würst (-vürst), *n.* [G.] a small pork sausage for frying.

brau'ná, *n.* [Braz.] a leguminous tree, *Melanoxylon brauna*, found in Brazil; it furnishes a valuable reddish-brown, hard, fine-grained wood.

braun'ite, *n.* [named after Herr Braun of Gotha.] in mineralogy, a native oxide of manganese, having a small percentage of silica, and varying from brownish-black to steel-gray in color.

brä-vä'dō, *n.*; *pl.* **brä-vä'dōes**, **brä-vä'dōes**, [Sp.] pretended courage or defiant confidence when there is really little or none.

bräve, *a.* [Fr. *brave*; Sp., Port., It. *bravo*, brave, fine; MD. *brave*, fierce, gallant; Dan. *brav*, brave, worthy.]

1. courageous; bold; daring; intrepid; fearless of danger; as, a *brave* warrior.
2. showing to good effect; having a fine appearance.
3. excellent; admirable. [Archaic.]

Syn.—valiant, gallant, valorous, fearless, undaunted, bold, heroic, intrepid, daring.

bräve, *n.* 1. a bully. [Archaic.]

Hot *braves* like thee may fight.—Dryden.

2. a boast; a challenge; a defiance. [Obs.]
3. a North American Indian warrior: a term first applied by the French.
4. any brave man; one who is daring; also, brave people collectively; as, the home of the *brave*.

bräve, *v.t.*; *braved*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *braving*, *ppr.* [Fr. *braver*, to brave, defy, from *brave*, brave.]

1. to defy; to challenge; to set at defiance; to dare.
2. to meet or undergo with courage.
3. to make brave. [Obs.]
4. to make showy; to adorn. [Obs.]

Syn.—dare, defy, encounter, challenge.

brä'vely, *adv.* 1. courageously; gallantly; heroically; splendidly; in a brave manner.

2. finely; gaudily.
3. thrivingly; in a prosperous manner. [Colloq.]

brä'veness, *n.* the quality of being brave.

bräv'ery, *n.* [Fr. *braverie*, gallantry, splendor, from *brave*, brave.]

1. courage; valor; fearlessness of danger.
2. splendor; magnificence; showy appearance; ostentation; fine dress.

The *bravery* of their tinkling ornaments. —Isa. iii. 18.

3. bravado; boast. [Obs.]
4. a showy person. [Obs.]

Syn.—courage, intrepidity, heroism, audacity, valor, fearlessness, hardihood, dauntlessness.—*Courage* is that firmness of spirit which meets danger without fear; *bravery* defies or braves it, and shows itself in outward acts; *audacity* is *bravery* with a quality of rashness.

bräv'ing, *n.* defiance; challenge or bravado.

bräv'ingly, *adv.* in an undaunted or defiant manner.

brä-vis'si-mō, *interj.* [It., superl. of *bravo*.] very well done! splendid!

brä'vō, *n.*; *pl.* **brä'vōes**, **brä'vōes**; It. **brä'vī**, [It. and Sp.] a hired killer; assassin; desperado.

brä'vō, *interj.* [It.] well done! very good! excellent! an exclamation of approval or applause.

brä'vō, *n.*; *pl.* **brä'vōs**, a shout of "bravo!"

brä-vō'rā, *n.* [It., bravery, spirit.]

1. a bold attempt or display of daring; dash.
2. in music, (a) a brilliant passage or piece that displays the performer's skill and technique; (b) brilliant technique in performance.

bräw, *a.* [from *brave*, *a.*]

1. well-groomed; smart; brave. [Scott.]
2. fine; pleasant; as, a *bräw* day. [Scott.]

bräwl, *v.i.*; *brawled*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *brawling*, *ppr.* [ME. *brallen*, to cry out, vociferate; *braulen*, to quarrel; D. *brallen*, to boast; Dan. *bralle*, to jabber, chatter.]

1. to quarrel or speak noisily; to create a disturbance by quarreling or fighting.
2. to roar; to move or flow noisily over rapids, falls, etc.; said of water.

bräwl, *n.* 1. a noisy quarrel; uproar; loud or angry contention.

2. a noisy party. [Slang.]

bräwl, *n.* [Fr. *branie*, from *branler*, to sway, toss about, swing.]

1. an old French country dance.
2. the music for this.

bräwl'ër, *n.* a noisy fellow; a wrangler.

bräwl'ing, *n.* the act of quarreling.

bräwl'ing, *a.* quarreling; quarrelsome.

bräwl'ing-ly, *adv.* in a quarrelsome manner.

bräwn, *n.* [ME. *braun*, *braun*, muscle, boar's flesh; OFr. *braon*, a piece of flesh; O.H.G. *brato*, a piece of flesh for roasting.]

1. the fleshy, muscular part of the body, especially of the arm or leg; hence, bulk; muscular strength.
2. the flesh of a boar or hog, especially prepared by being pressed, boiled, spiced, and pickled.
3. headcheese.
4. a boar. [Dial.]

bräwned, *a.* brawny; strong.

bräwn'ër, *n.* a boar killed for use as food.

bräwn'i-ness, *n.* the quality of being brawny; strength; hardiness.

bräwn'y, *a.*; *comp.* **bräwnier**; *superl.* **bräwniest**, muscular; strong.

Syn.—athletic, bulky, muscular, powerful, robust, sinewy, stalwart, strong, vigorous.

bräx'y, *n.*; *pl.* **bräx'ies**, [prob. from *break*, *v.*; compare AS. *broc*, disease, misery; G. *brechen*, vomiting, and *brechen*, to break.]

1. any of various intestinal disorders of sheep, especially one resembling anthrax.
2. a sheep affected with this disease, or mutton from such a sheep.

bräx'y, *a.* having braxy.

bräy, *v.t.*; *brayed*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *braying*, *ppr.* [ME. *brayen*; OFr. *bracier*, to pound, bray; M.H.G. *brechen*, to break.]

1. to pound, beat, or grind into a powder, as in a mortar.
2. to spread thin, as ink.

bräy, *v.i.* [ME. *brayen*; OFr. *braire*; LL. *bragire*, *bragare*, to cry, squall.]

1. to make a loud, harsh sound, as an ass.
2. to make a harsh, disagreeable, grating sound.

bräy, *v.t.* to utter loudly and harshly; as, to *bray* discords.

bräy, *n.* 1. the loud, harsh cry of an ass.

2. a harsh, grating sound like this.

bräy, *n.* see *brac*.

bräy'ër, *n.* one who brays like an ass.

bräy'ër, *n.* in printing, a hand roller to spread ink.

bräy'ing, *n.* 1. the noise of an ass.

2. roar; noise; clamor.

brä'zä (-thä or -sä), *n.* [Sp. from *brazo*, an arm.] a Spanish measure of length equal to 5.48 feet in Spain and 5.68 feet in Argentina.

bräze, *v.t.* [AS. *bræsan*, from *bras*, brass.]

1. to make, cover, or ornament with brass or a brasslike substance.
2. to make hard like brass.

bräze, *v.t.*; *brazed*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *brazing*, *ppr.* [ME. *brasen*; OFr. *braser*, to solder; Ice. *brasa*, to harden by fire.] to solder with a metal having a high melting point, especially with an alloy of copper and zinc.

bräzed, *a.* see *braced*.

brä'zen, *a.* [ME. *brasen*; AS. *bræsen*, from *bras*, brass.]

1. of brass; as, a *bräzen* helmet.
2. like brass in color or other qualities.
3. impudent; shameless; having no shame; as, he put on a *bräzen* face.
4. having the ringing sound of brass; harsh and piercing.

bräzen age; in mythology, the age which succeeded the silver age, when men had degenerated from primitive purity.

brä'zen, *v.t.*; *bräzened*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *bräzening*, *ppr.* to make impudent or bold and shameless.

to bräzen out (or *through*); to behave as if unashamed of.

brä'zen-browed, *a.* shamelessly bold.

brä'zen-face, *n.* an impudent person.

brä'zen-faced (-fäst), *a.* having, or uttered with, a *bräzen* expression; impudent; shameless.

brä'zen-ly, *adv.* in a bold, impudent manner.

brä'zen-ness, *n.* the quality of being *bräzen*.

brä'zler, *n.* a metal container to hold burning coals or charcoal.

brä'zler, *n.* a person who does brasswork.

brä-zil', *n.* [ME. *brasil*, *brasyle*; OFr. *bresil*; Sp. and Port. *brasil*; LL. *brasilius*, *bresillum*.]

1. same as *brasilwood*.
2. a red dye obtained from brazilwood.
3. originally, the wood of *Casalpinia Sappan*; sapanwood.

brä-zil'-ë-in, *n.* [from *brasil*, and *-in*.] a bright-red compound, C₁₂H₁₁O₅, obtained by oxidizing brazilin and used as a dye: also spelled *brasilëin*.

brä-zil'-et-tō, *n.* [Port. *brasilite*; It. *brasilietto*, dim. of *brasil*, brazilwood.] a kind of red dye-wood, inferior to brazilwood, found in Jama-

ca: it is obtained from two trees, *Casalpinia Brasiliensis* and *Casalpinia crista*.

Brä-zil'än (-yän), *n.* pertaining to Brazil, people, or culture.

Brä-zil'än, *n.* a native or inhabitant of Brazil.

brä-zil'lin, *n.* a bright-yellow crystalline substance extracted from brazilwood: also written *brasilin*, *brasiline*, *bresiline*.

Brä-zil' nut, the seed, or nut, of *Bertholletia excelsa*, the Brazil-nut tree, of the family *Myrtaceæ*. The fruit is nearly round and about six inches in diameter, having a hard shell about one-half inch thick. It contains the edible, oily, three-sided seeds.

Brä-zil'-nut tree, a very tall tree of tropical America, bearing round, hard-shelled fruit with edible seeds.

brä-zil'wood, *n.* the reddish wood of certain trees of South America and the East and West Indies, yielding a red dye.

breäch, *n.* [ME. *breke*, *breche*; AS. *brice*, *brice*, *gebrece*, from *brecan*, to break.]

1. the act of breaking, or state of being broken; a rupture; a break; a gap; as, *breäch* in stonework or in a fortification.
2. a failure to observe the terms, as of law, promise, etc.

Every *breäch* of the public engagements hurtful to public credit. —Hamilton.

3. a break or interruption in friendly relations.
4. an inrush or surging of waters, as of a pier, ship, etc.; also, the waves themselves.
5. a contusion or wound.
6. in medicine, a hernia.

breäch of arrest; the offense committed by military officer under technical arrest, leaving without permission the limits within which he has been ordered to remain.

breäch of faith; a failure to keep faith; breaking of a promise.

breäch of privilege; an act in violation of rules, order, privileges, or dignity of a legislative body.

breäch of promise; failure to fulfill a word; especially, failure to keep a promise.

breäch of the peace; a violation of the peace, as by a riot, affray, or any tumult which is contrary to law, and destructive of the public tranquility; disorderly conduct.

breäch of trust; violation by fraud or omission of any duty or confidence lawfully imposed on a trustee, executor, or other person in a position of trust.

clean breäch; the rolling of waves over a vessel which sweeps away everything on board.

dear breäch; the rolling of waves over a vessel without breaking.

Syn.—break, chasm, gap, opening, rent.

breäch and *a gap* are the consequence of a rent removal, which destroys the connection; *breäch* and *a chasm* may arise from the absence of that which would form a connection; *breäch* and *a chasm* always imply a gap opening thus: *a breäch* or *a gap*.

bräach, *v.t.*; *breached*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *breaching*, *ppr.* to make a *breäch*, gap, or opening in; as, *bräach* the gate of the citadel.

bräach, *v.i.* to break the surface of water leaping out; said of a whale or porpoise.

bräach'y, *a.* inclined to break out of fences; as, *bräach'y* cattle.

bread (bred), *n.* [ME. *breed*, *bred*; AS. *brood*; Ice. *braudh*, bread; from the *broowan*, to brew.]

1. a food made by moistening, kneading and raising or fermenting the flour of some species of grain, and baking it in an oven, usually in the form of loaves, biscuits, rolls, etc.
2. food in general, regarded as a sustenance; as, give us this day our daily *bread*.
3. support of life in general; maintenance; a livelihood; a living.

bread and butter; figuratively, means of livelihood; as, he earns his *bread and butter*.

to break bread; (a) to partake of a meal; to partake of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist; to attend a communion service; *to cast one's bread upon the waters*; to be generous or do good deeds without expecting something in return.

to know on which side one's bread is buttered; to be aware and careful of one's own interests.

to take the bread out of (a person's) mouth; to deprive (a person) of his means of livelihood.

bread, *v.t.* in cookery, to cover (meat, etc.) with bread crumbs before cooking.

bread veal.

sō'lār-izm, *n.* the explanation of myths and folklore by reference to the sun or the personification of the sun.

sō-lār'i-um, *n.*; *pl.* **sō-lār'i-ā**, 1. a sundial.

2. a glassed-in room to which the sun has free access, as the sun rooms of hospitals; also, an apartment built on a roof or a space railed off on a roof.

3. [S-] a genus of depressed shells resembling a stairway in form.

sō'lār-i-zā'tion, *n.* a solarizing or the state of being solarized.

sō'lār-ize, *v.t.*; *solarized*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *solarizing*, *ppr.* 1. to affect by exposing to the sun's rays.

2. to overexpose (a photographic film or plate).

sō'lār-ize, *v.i.* in photography, to become injured by overexposure.

sō-lā'ti-um (-shi-), *n.*; *pl.* **sō-lā'ti-ā**, [L., consolation, solace.] anything that compensates for mental suffering or financial loss; specifically, in Scots law, a sum of money paid, over and above actual damages, to an injured party by the person who inflicted the injury, as a solace for wounded feelings.

sōld, *v.* past tense and past participle of *sell*.

sōl'dān, *n.* a sultan; any Moslem ruler or prince.

sōl'dā-nel, *n.* [from *It. soldanella*.] a plant of the genus *Soldanella*, natural order *Primulaceae*. The species are small herbs, native to alpine districts of Europe.

sōl'dān-rie, *n.* the functions or dignity of a sultan. [Archaic.]

sōld'ēr (sod'), *n.* [OFr. *soudure*, *souldure*, from *L. solidare*, to make firm.]

1. a metal or metallic composition used when melted for joining or patching metal parts or surfaces; a metallic cement.

2. figuratively, that which unites in any way.

hard solder; a solder that requires a red heat to melt it; it is used for joining brass, iron, and the more refractory metals.

soft solder; a solder that melts at a comparatively low temperature and is used for fusing lead and tin.

sōld'ēr, *v.t.*; *soldered*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *soldering*, *ppr.* 1. to unite (the surfaces of metals) with solder.

2. figuratively, to unite or fuse in general; to hold together.

sōld'ēr-ēr, *n.* one who or that which solders; a machine for soldering.

sōld'ēr-ing, *n.* the process of uniting the surfaces of metals by means of solder.

sōld'ēr-ing i'ron (-ūrn), a pointed metal tool used for melting and applying solder; it must be heated, as in a flame or electrically.

sōld'ēr-ing pāste, a greaselike flux used in soldering.

sōl'diēr (-jēr), *n.* [ME. *soudiour*; OFr. *soldier*, from LL. *solidarius*, a soldier, from *solidare*, to pay; *solidus*, a piece of money, from *L. solidus*, firm, solid.]

1. a man engaged in military service; specifically, a man enlisted for service in an army.

2. an enlisted man, as distinguished from one holding a warrant or commission.

3. a man of much military experience and skill.

4. the red gurnard, *Trigla cuculus*. [Brit. Dial.]

5. in zoology, any of a type of asexual white ants, having powerful jaws, which serve as fighters in defense of the colony.

6. one who tries to shirk work; one who pretends to work but does little. [Old Slang.]

7. one who works for a specified cause.

sōl'diēr, *v.i.*; *soldiered*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *soldiering*, *ppr.* 1. to do duty as a soldier.

2. to shirk duty, as by making a pretense of working, feigning illness, etc.

sōl'diēr bee'tle, a carabid beetle of America, *Chaetognathus pennsylvanicus*, which subsists on the larvae of other insects.

sōl'diēr bug, in zoology, any hemipterous insect of *Podisus*, *Perillus*, or allied genera, which has a powerful beak with which it pierces the larvae of other insects and penetrates the bodies of insects to suck their blood.

sōl'diēr-bysh, *n.* soldierwood.

sōl'diēr crab, the hermit crab; also, the fiddler crab.

sōl'diēr-ess, *n.* a woman soldier. [Rare.]

sōl'diēr-fish, *n.* the blue darter or rainbow

darther, *Etheostoma caeruleum*, found in rivers of the Mississippi valley.

sōl'diēr fly, any one of many species of flies of the family *Stratiomyidae*.

sōl'diēr-ing, *n.* the state of being a soldier; the occupation of a soldier.

sōl'diēr-like, *a.* soldierly.

sōl'diēr-ly, *a.* like or characteristic of a good soldier; brave; martial; heroic; honorable.

sōl'diēr moth, a large moth, *Euschema militaris*, of the East Indies.

sōl'diēr of for'tune, a military adventurer, willing to serve wherever he can get pay, pleasure, etc.

sōl'diēr or'chis, an orchid, *Orchis militaris*, of Europe, which bears flowers the sepals of which have a helmetlike formation.

sōl'diēr-ship, *n.* 1. skill or ability in military matters.

2. military science.

Sōl'diēr's Med'al, a United States military decoration given for deeds of heroism outside of combat.

sōl'diēr-wood, *n.* a West Indian shrub, *Calliandra purpurea*, of the bean family, with long, tasseled, purple stamens.

sōl'diēr-y, *n.*; *pl.* **sōl'diēr-leq**, 1. soldiers collectively.

2. a group of soldiers.

3. military science; soldiery.

sōl'dō, *n.*; *pl.* **sōl'di**, [It., from *L. solidus*, firm.] an Italian coin and unit of money, equal to $\frac{1}{100}$ of a lira.

sōle, *n.* [Fr. *sole*, the sole of the foot, of a shoe, etc., from *L. solea*, a sandal, a sole, of same origin as *solum*, the ground, soil.]

1. the underside of the foot; the planta.

2. the foot itself. [Rare or Poetic.]

3. the under part of a boot, shoe, sock, etc.

4. the bottom frame of a wagon.

5. in agriculture, (a) the lower part of the plow, which runs in contact with the bottom of the furrow; it generally consists of the lower surfaces of the share and landside; (b) the bottom of the furrow.

6. the horny substance under a horse's foot which protects the more tender parts.

7. in fortification, the bottom of an embrasure.

8. the lower edge of the barrel of a turbine or water wheel.

9. in carpentry, the lower surface of a plane.

10. in machinery, (a) the top or floor of a bracket on which a plumber block rests; (b) the plate which constitutes the foundation of a marine steam engine, and which is bolted to the keelsons.

11. the floor or hearth of the metal chamber in a reverberatory, puddling, or boiling furnace.

12. the seat or bottom of a passage in a mine.

13. in shipbuilding, (a) the bottom plank of the cradle, resting on the bilgeways and sustaining the lower ends of the poppets, which are mortised into the sole and support the vessel; (b) an additional piece on the lower end of a rudder, to make it level with the false keel.

14. a strip of metal or wood fastened beneath the runner of a sled or sleigh to take the wear.

15. the bottom surface of a golf club.

sōle, *n.* [Fr. *sole*, from *L. solea*, the sole: so named from its flatness.] a marine flatfish belonging to the family *Soleidae*, of an oblong form, with a rounded muzzle. *Solea vulgaris* is the common sole of Europe. The American sole is *Achirus lineatus*. The name is also given to various flounders, resembling the true soles.

sōle, *v.t.*; *soled*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *soling*, *ppr.* 1. to furnish with a sole, especially a new one; as, to sole a shoe.

2. in golf, to put the sole of (a club) on the ground, as in getting ready to hit the ball.

sōle, *a.* [ME. *sole*, from OFr. *sol*, from *L. solus*, alone.]

1. without another or others; single; one and only.

2. of or having to do with only one (specified) person or group.

3. acting, working, etc. automatically or without help.

4. alone; solitary. [Archaic.]

5. in law, unmarried; only in *feme sole* and *woman sole*.

sōl'e-clām, *n.* [Gr. *soloikismos*, from *soloikos*, speaking incorrectly, from corrupt Attic

dialect used by colonists in Soloi, in Cilicia.]

1. a violation of the conventional usage, grammar, etc. of a language; substandard use of words (e.g., "I seen him" for "I saw him"); see also *barbarism*.

2. a violation of good manners; breach of etiquette.

3. a mistake or impropriety.

Syn.—*barbarism*.

sōl'e-cist, *n.* a person who habitually commits solecisms.

sōl'e-cis'tic, **sōl'e-cis'ti-cāl**, *a.* 1. incorrect; incongruous; involving or of the nature of a solecism.

2. characteristic of a solecist.

sōl'e-cis'ti-cāl-ly, *adv.* in a solecistic manner.

sōl'e-cize, *v.i.* to commit a solecism.

sōle leath'ēr (leth'), thick, strong leather, used for the soles of shoes.

sōle'ly, *adv.* 1. alone; without another or others; as, we are *solely* to blame.

2. only, exclusively, merely, or altogether; as, he reads *solely* for enjoyment.

sōl'emn (-em), *a.* [L. *sollemnis*, *sollennis*, that occurs every year, hence, from the stated occurrence of religious festivals, religious, festal, solemn, from *sollus*, all, entire, and *annus*, a year.]

1. set aside according to ritual or tradition; said especially of religious ceremonies, festivals, etc.

2. sacred.

3. according to strict form; formal, as a ceremony.

4. serious; grave; deeply earnest.

5. arousing feelings of awe; very impressive; as, a *solemn* occasion.

6. somber because dark in color.

7. festive. [Obs.]

Syn.—grave, serious, formal, ceremonial, sober, devout.

sōl'em-ness, *n.* the state or quality of being solemn; reverential manner; seriousness; solemnity; gravity of manner. [Rare.]

sōl'em-ni-fy, *v.t.*; *solemnified*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *solemnifying*, *ppr.* to make solemn.

sōl'em-ni-ty, *n.*; *pl.* **sōl'em-ni-ties**, [Fr. *solennité*, from *L. sollemnitas*.]

1. a religious ceremony; a ritual performance attended with religious reverence; as, the *solemnity* of a funeral or a sacrament.

2. solemn feeling, character, or appearance; serious or awesome quality; impressiveness; gravity.

3. festivity. [Obs.]

4. a proceeding adapted to impress awe or reverence.

5. in law, a solemn or formal observance; the formality requisite to render a thing done valid.

6. the state or quality of being solemn; seriousness; gravity; ceremoniousness.

sōl'em-ni-zāte, *v.t.* to solemnize. [Obs.]

sōl'em-ni-zā'tion, *n.* a solemnizing or being solemnized; as, the *solemnization* of a marriage.

sōl'em-nize, *v.t.*; *solemnized*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *solemnizing*, *ppr.* 1. to dignify or honor by ceremonies; to celebrate; as, to *solemnize* the birth of Christ.

2. to perform with ritual ceremonies and respect, or according to legal forms; as, to *solemnize* a marriage.

3. to make grave, serious, and reverential; as, to *solemnize* the mind for the duties of the sanctuary.

sōl'em-nize, *n.* solemnization. [Rare.]

sōl'em-ni-zēr, *n.* one who solemnizes.

sōl'em-n-ly (-em-), *adv.* in a solemn manner; gravely; seriously; formally; reverentially.

sōl'emn-ness, *n.* same as *solemnness*.

sōl'em-p'ne, *a.* solemn. [Obs.]

Sō'l'en, *n.* [Gr. *sōlên*, tube, a shellfish.]

1. a genus of mollusks, the type of the family *Solenidae*; the razor shells.

2. [s-] any member of the genus *Solen*; razor shell or razor clam.

sōl'e-nā'cē-ān, *n.* any species of the family *Solenidae*.

sōl'e-nā'ceous, *a.* relating to the solens or family *Solenidae*.

sōle'ness, *n.* singleness; the state or quality of being sole or unconnected with others.

sōle-nette', *n.* [Fr., dim. of *sole*, a kind of a small sole, *Solea minuta*, of Europe.]

Sō-len'i-dae, *n.* *pl.* a family of lamellibranchiate mollusks, including the genus *Solen* and several others.